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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

SILVER.

AN AMERICAN PLAN.

NEW YORK, October 5.  
Latest advices from New York state that silver producers in the United States are discussing the advantages of forming a silver export association under the Webb-Pomerene Act, permitting a combination of producers and manufacturers in export trade. Senator Pittman, the author of the war act fixing the minimum price at 101 cents per ounce, strongly advocates the plan. He believes that within a week of the formation of such a combination silver will reach 129 cents. He does not believe the government will be able to buy silver to replace the 300,000,000 melted down silver dollars with American silver at a dollar an ounce. He asserts that owing to shortness of supplies the future for silver is assured. \$200,000 dollars worth of gold are engaged for Hongkong.

MONTAGU'S REPORT.

LONDON, October 4.  
Montagu's report says the tone of the market is somewhat uncertain. A temporary cessation of enquiry for the east and a diminution of the trade demand owing to the strike caused prices to fall heavily but a resumption of buying for the east caused a sharp rise.

Shanghai exchange is 6s. 3d.

LONDON, October 4.  
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AMERICAN SELLING.

LONDON, October 5.  
Silver is quoted 63-62 1/2. There is American selling. The market is steady.

LONDON, October 5.  
Silver is quoted 64-63 1/4. The market is firmer.

BEAVAS REVIEW.

A WARSHIP FOR DENIKINE.

PARIS, October 3.  
The peace treaty was ratified by the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday by 372 votes to 53. The opposition included 49 Socialists but 33 deputies of the same opinion were abstaining despite an order of their party binding them to vote against the bill. The concluding scenes were worthy of the occasion. All the members of the cabinet were present and the deputies' seats were filled. The greatest scene of enthusiasm was after the adoption by unanimous vote of the bill confirming the treaties with Great Britain and the United States regarding the help to be given France in case of unprovoked attack by Germany.

Two of the Allied Powers have now ratified the treaty, Great Britain and France. A third is necessary to make the ratification definite.

The Council of five met yesterday and decided to extend further aid to the anti-Bolshevik forces by turning over to General Denikine the Russian cruiser *Vela* which was seized by the British navy in the Black Sea.

CLEMENCEAU SCORES AGAIN.

PARIS, October 2.  
In the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday M. Clemenceau again had his way in the matter of the proposed addition to the Treaty of Versailles providing for a more effective disarmament of Germany. On the question of adjournment of the discussion, on a resolution proposed and ardently advocated by M. Andre Lefevre to this end, the question was put as a vote of confidence on M. Clemenceau's demand, and the government won by a majority of seventy-four votes.

A despatch from Berlin received yesterday in Paris states that the Berlin government, acting on the Council of Five's ultimatum, has definitely recalled von der Goltz from the Baltic provinces.

LONDON, October 4.  
The news of the breakdown of negotiations was received with consternation and regret. It is understood that the Premier at the Downing Street conference passionately appealed to the railwaymen to accept the offer of arbitration, which was a new offer and in effect was an offer of an armistice accompanied by arbitration. Government circles strongly opine that the railwaymen's flat refusal of the offer reveals that there's more behind the strike than the mere question of wages. The conference of trade unions adjourned until October 7 when the delegates to Downing Street will submit proposals to the conference.

TWO PRESS OPINIONS.

LONDON, October 4.  
The Daily Express says the acceptance of the railwaymen's conditions yesterday would have meant the abdication of the government. The next move lies with the other trade unions. We appeal to them in such a fatal crisis not to declare a strike without a full ballot of members of each union.

The Daily Herald says the government's last offer was the greatest insult of all. It was the old offer with the additional suggestion that the forces of reaction should have seven days grace in which to perfect their strike-breaking organisation.

JOINT ACTION CONTEMPLATED.

LONDON, October 4.  
The conference of trade unions assembled in London in the evening after the breakdown of negotiations and resolved to convene on October 7 such a conference as will have the sanction and authority of the responsible trade unions of the country to engage and form moral sympathetic support for the railwaymen in the struggle they are waging for trade unionist principles. Meantime the delegates who have been consulting the Premier will meet and formulate the proposals which they are convinced will prove acceptable to the entire trade union movement.

Mr. O'Grady, interviewed after the conference, said the committee before October 7 would try to straighten matters out between the railwaymen and the government. He added that the situation had not improved but that he had not lost hope.

IT IS BOLSHEVISM.

LONDON, October 4.  
The Daily Chronicle says this fatal conflict demonstrates that the strike weapon, though effective against individual employers, is not suited to employment against the state, for its use then means war.

The Daily Telegraph says the people support the Premier in insisting on the submission of the railwaymen's executive to the authority of the community and on their abandoning the claim to give orders to the Government.

The Morning Post says the issue is now plain. It is a conflict between Bolsheviks and constitutional government.

DUM SPIRO SPERO.

LONDON, October 4.  
Yesterday evening's Downing Street communiqué was an agreed statement by both parties.

The Daily News says it is difficult to evade the conclusion that the men have acted with great unwise from the viewpoint of their own interest in rejecting the government's offer which was a substantial advance on the government's previous attitude, while they have gone far to deprive themselves of any justification for inflicting such grave injury on the community.

The transport workers have rendered a further service to peace by postponing action until October 7. If meanwhile the government offers are circulated throughout the country, and can be temperately discussed before any precipitate step is taken, there should still be hope of a settlement.

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## OUR LOCAL POETS.

MAN AND WOMAN.

In Ancient Times, I was a Man indeed,  
I took a wife, healthy and fair to see.  
She swore to follow wheresoever I'd lead.

Protested meekness, love, fidelity.

She sought to gain my favour with caresses,

And vowed her love for me would never tire.

I gave her jewels and costly dresses,

But servants satisfy her least desire.

Self-contemplation filled her heart with pride.

"Am I not wondrous?" Am I not divine?"

"Tis my reflected glory," I replied.

"Nay, nay," she contradicted, "all is mine."

"(Poor fool! I was a Man.)

I gave her to the whip. Repentant and sore

She crept before me. "Forgiveness, Lord I pray."

I said, "Your former glory I restore,"

But know 'tis mine to give or take away."

I gave her all she wished, nothing denied

To her. And we were happy for a time.

Till she a smooth-tongued seducer gratified.

Then would be no forgiveness for that crime.

(Enough! I was a Man.)

To rouse my heart to pity vainly she tried.

My slaves stripped of her jewels and silken robes.

"Reward her Infidelity," I cried.

That day my dog gorged off her crimson flesh.

Thenceforth my women loved me for

"They fed on whips, not costly gifts; nor would they crave

For favour, save the sharing of my bed.

For Woman's nature is that of a Slave."

(Indeed I was a Man.)

(To-day I am no Man.)

I loved a woman, wed her. She to me

The fairest was that heaven did create;

Her presence filled me with an ecstasy.

Life without her, I could not comprehend.

Working for her it seemed I could not tire,

Her lightest wish endeavouring to forestall.

My aim—twas but fulfilling her desire:

She gave lip-service. I gave my all.

(Unworthy of a Man.)

Now she has fled with one who mastered her,

Whose brutal nature knew the slave within,

Called her head like any other our,

And bade her leave me for a life of sin.

He gives her nothing, yet she clings to him.

I gave her everything her heart could crave.

She cast my love aside to suit his whim;

For Woman's nature is that of a Slave.

(Oh God! Make me a Man.)

N. I. B.

PORtUGUESE IN TROUBLE.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Magistracy this afternoon, Ricardo Pereira of No. 171 Morrison Hill Road, and F. Souza, clerk in the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, were charged with assaulting Jose Gomes of No. 192 Queen's Road East. Ricardo Pereira was also charged with using insulting words to Carmelita Gomes.

Mr. C. F. Mason appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Leo d'Almada for the defence.

Mr. Mason outlining the facts of the assault said that on September 21, while complainant was walking in Queen's Road East, after coming out from Mass, the second defendant delivered a heavy blow on complainant, and struck him repeatedly all over while the second defendant was holding the complainant's hands, thus preventing him from defending himself. During the assault, a motor car containing a European, came up the road, and stopped. The European got down from his car and separated the parties.

The case was continuing as we went to press.

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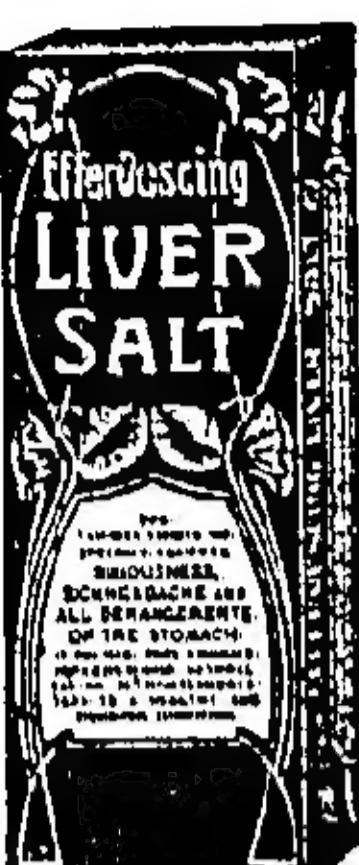
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## BIRTH.

HOMPTON.—On 5th October, at 122, The Peak, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Compton, a son.

## The China Mail.

PROSECUTION, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCT. 4, 1919.

## THE FIRST LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Under that title the Rev. G. G. Warren has a very readable bit of Chinese history in the *New China Review* for August. He tells how 2,465 years ago the representatives of 14 "nations" met at the capital of the state of Sung (Kuei-eh-fu, Honan) to stop if possible the incessant "wars of the barons." The Chinese emperor of those times seems to have been as much of a figurehead as was the Mikado among the Shoguns in feudal Japan. Shantung, Shansi, Hupeh with parts of Honan and Anhui and Shensi, were the "Big Four" of those far-off days, and the land, "especially the smaller, "buffer" states, was weary of their constant wars. The author does not seem to be overflowing with respect for this Chinese attempt to let reason rule instead of unreason. He begins by saying the story of it is "worth repeating if only for the laughter which is the sole reward we can give to a set of actors whose acting was superb." It is not always easy to understand the attitude of these revered irreverents. If he means that those early peace-makers were hypocrites, he should not laugh at their hypocrisy. If they were sincere, he should bless them. Of the originator of the scheme, Hsien Hau of Sung, he says he was "a somewhat second-rate personage." We should have thought, in view of the appropriate beatitude, that the honour of being the first man in history to make a definite move towards abolishing war was great enough to rank him among distinctly first-rate heroes, especially in the eyes of a Christian missionary. The name of Hsien Hau should be for him as glorious as Alexander's. Human nature is not a pretty thing when we see it undressed. The old chronicler to whom Mr. Warren is indebted had, to accuse Hsien Hau of desiring "to make a name for himself," just as nowadays men get called notoriety hunters. Much pleasanter to contemplate is the other Chinaman of that time who said, "When a man comes with a plan for stopping war, even though we may think it cannot be done, we ought to let him try." This was the very attitude

tude we begged for in connection with the modern League of Nations. If you cannot support it with enthusiastic conviction, at least don't crab it. Give it a chance. Hu the Pacifist went from one baron to another, getting them to agree to a conference. If this good work was indeed accompanied by personal joy in prominence and by hope of honour and reward, who are we to sneer at the good man, in these days of O. B. F's and medals? From the middle of March until well on in April the delegates were arriving and being entertained, and drafts and amendments were being privately examined and considered. It is sad to read that they were afraid of each other even at the Conference, and that some of the delegates wore armour under their gala clothes. It makes us think of the big Powers today who are as assiduous in preparing armaments as they are in preaching peace. There was one Shu Hsiang (peace to his ashes) who said of that sort of thing, "I have never been troubled at any notion that men can eat their words and not suffer for doing so. We come together, because we trust each other. One of us shows he is not fit to be trusted. Well, that hurts him; not me." With all that solid wisdom and commonsense about, they were still thwarting themselves with nonsense about precedence. But at last they got the covenant signed. It didn't prevent further fighting but how do we know that it wasn't instrumental under provocation in making the Chinese (until corrupted by contact with bellicose barbarians) the most peace-loving and truly civilized nation? It wasn't perhaps such a great failure as our author says it was. However, he saves his moral bacon (in our eyes) by this remark, that the very fact that 2,500 years ago men wanted a League and used good arguments for it and bad ones against it, tells in favour of success now."

## JOKE THAT FAILED.

Star lore is always interesting, and when an American in Hongkong recently offered to point out a constellation called John the Baptist, an Englishman was interested. He looked along the line of the directing finger, and exclaimed: "That's Ursus Major, or the Plough. Why do you call it John the Baptist?" The American was dumb. "You Brits always call it the Plough, do you?" he said. And ruminated.

Later on, he explained that the folk-name for the constellation in America is the Big Dipper, and as for John the Baptist, wasn't he the big dipper?

Possibly this sort of experience explains why nations accuse each other of lack of the sense of humour.

## PROSODY.

Occasionally, but not so often as we would like, we are favoured with verses by our local poets. Lots of local men could turn out passable "verse of society" if they cared to, as distinguished from prosody of the high order that is supposed to be reserved to inspired poets. It is an accomplishment of the well bred, of the cultured, and a very entertaining and edifying pastime. It is like the quality of mercy as defined by Shakespeare, inasmuch as it "blesseth him that gives and him that takes," and so is twice blessed.

The principles of rhythm should first be mastered, and the nature of "feet." One of our contributors, we discovered, was in the habit of considering that his lines scanned if he counted the syllables and found them equal in number. A good ear seems to serve others, but occasionally they perpetrate atrocious lines, more half and lame, worse than Wordsworth's worst, like a recent line in another wise quite distinguished effort, which tried to fit together "immaculate conception" and "Moses' rod." That phrase, in that order, is quite impossible. Rhythm is more important than rhyme, and it is out of the question to get rhythm into such a phrase as "immaculate conception," without inverting it, or mispronouncing it. "Conception most immaculate," would answer, because there we have four iambic feet, each foot consisting of one short and one long syllable, or one unstressed and one stressed. An anapaest is a foot of two unstressed followed by one stressed, a dactyl is a foot beginning with a stressed syllable followed by two unstressed, and so on. These things may be found in any of the books of reference, and easily mastered. For most amateurs the simple iambic and trochaic alternation will suffice in their earlier essays. To have in memory a stock of good models is a great help. After that, all you need is an idea, some writing materials, and a vocabulary.

## HELENA MAY INSTITUTE WINTER PROGRAMME.

The Education Committee of the Helena May Institute (chairman, Mrs. Ralphs) have arranged a varied programme for the ensuing season, beginning in November. The lectures will be open to members and gentlemen friends, the classes and Debating Society to members only.

Lectures will be given on the following subjects:

William Thomson, Lord Kelvin, by Prof. Warren, November 3, at 5.15 p.m.

"Our nearest Neighbour in Space," by Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, December 1, at 6 p.m.

A popular lecture on "Golf," date and name of lecturer to be announced later.

"Women's Work in the War," by Major Bowen, January 14, at 5.15 p.m.

Selections from Tennyson, with Music and Tableaux, Miss Clarke assisted by Mrs. McElroy, February 2, at 5.15 p.m.

Other lectures will be announced later.

Classes have been arranged for French (Madame Mousson), Colloquial Chinese (Mrs. McPherson), Physical Culture (Miss Macdonald, Gold medalist), and Needlework (Mrs. Warren). A Literary and Debating Society is to be formed under Mrs. Forster.

Members wishing to join the classes are asked to give special attention to the notices posted in the Hall of the Institute, and any further information may be obtained from Mrs. Mackenzie, the Hon. Secretary.

## SCANDAL.

Mrs. A. out walking met dear old Mrs. B. And soon they started talking about young Mrs. C. They properly dissected her; then widow Mrs. D. Was pulled about, turned inside out. Next turn Mrs. E.

Now, Mrs. E. was not so bad as Mrs. A. or B. And probably she could give points to pretty Mrs. C. She knew that they were jealous, but she didn't care a D. For Mrs. E. had twice the brains of Mrs. A. B. C.

But still they kept on talking, don't know the reason Y. They always talked of some one else, but never once of I. This is a little problem; let me give to you the Q. It isn't I. They scandalize, it always must be U.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4/2 7/16d.

Major Knaggs from the north is passing through on the ss. "Dilwara."

To-day's return of communicable disease shows one case of gastro-enteritis.

The ss. "Kaiyu Maru," (Capt. Miura) sailed for Keeling at 6 a.m. yesterday. She took no cargo.

The ss. "Kolya," (Capt. Bird) arrived from Durbar via Singapore this morning with 500 tons of general cargo.

The ss. "Alicorne," (Captain Lunghing) sailed for Pakhol at 5.50 a.m. to day with 150 tons of general cargo.

The ss. "Hosei Maru," (Capt. Hashimoto) arrived from Bombay at noon to day with 161 tons of general cargo.

The ss. "Kashin," (Capt. Blackburn) sailed for Shanghai at noon to day with 60 tons of general cargo.

The ss. "Yodo Maru," (Capt. Amagasaki) arrived from Moji on Saturday with 2,600 tons of coal for Hongkong.

The ss. "Kakriu Maru," (Capt. Takata) arrived from Keeling on Saturday with 1,100 tons of coal for Hongkong.

Mr. C. Klinck of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, returned to the Colony by the ss. "Ecuador."

The ss. "Hosu Maru," (Captain Hashimoto) sailed for Kobe at 4 p.m. yesterday with 150 tons of general cargo.

The ss. "Kohso Maru," (Capt. Fuseno) sailed for Kobe via Keeling at 6 a.m. to day with 750 tons of general cargo.

The ss. "Kashin," (Capt. Blackburn) arrived from Hongkay at 6 a.m. to day with 2,270 tons of coal for Hongkong.

The ss. "Glenfalloch," (Capt. Mackenzie) sails for Singapore via Amoy at 6 a.m. to-morrow with 200 tons of cement.

The ss. "Hafushim Maru," (Capt. Kanetsune) sails for Dairen at 5 p.m. to day with 300 tons of general cargo.

The ss. "Shunshing," (Captain Place) arrived from K.C. Wan yesterday with 70 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.

"Dr. and Mrs. K. Majima left the Colony by the ss. "Tenyo Maru" for Japan. Dr. Majima has retired to his native country.

The ss. "Taga Maru," (Capt. Mohri) arrived from Yokohama via Wakamatsu yesterday with 2,320 tons of coal for Hongkong.

The ss. "Kaiping," (Capt. Pannier) sails for Haiphong via Pakhoi at 7 a.m. to-morrow with 280 tons of general cargo.

The ss. "Cornelia," (Captain Guerreiro) arrived from Swatow yesterday afternoon with 250 tons of general cargo and mails.

The ss. "Kwanglee," (Captain Sangster) arrived from Shanghai on Saturday with 205 tons of general cargo and mails for Hongkong.

The ss. "Lyciaon," (Capt. Walker) sailed for Shanghai at 4 p.m. yesterday with general cargo and 2 European through passengers.

There will be dancing at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon to-morrow night at 9 o'clock. The Band of the C.M.S.S. "Nile" will be in attendance.

The ss. "Kunghong," (Captain Chanchai) arrived from Shantou on Saturday with 40 tons of general cargo and 2 bags of mails for Hongkong.

There were five friendly cricket matches on Saturday. The batsmen must get some practice. No less than 27 secured the unenviable "duck."

The ss. "Chuenon," (Captain Jorge) arrived from Holow yesterday with 2,774 packages of general cargo, 212 pigs, 32 bullocks and 1 bag of mails.

The ss. "Dilwara," (Capt. Babu) sailed for Bombay via Singapore and Colombo, at noon to day with 3,000 tons of general cargo and 30 European passengers.

The ss. "Hafushim Maru," (Capt. Kanetsune) arrived from Dairen yesterday with 1,200 tons of coal, and 1116 packages of beans and preserved goods for Hongkong.

The ss. "Kaiyuan," (Capt. Mitchell) arrived from Holow at 1 p.m. yesterday with 1,400 tons of coal, 200 tons of general cargo, and 6 packages of mails for Hongkong.

## SPECIAL CABLE.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

## CARGO CONDEMNED AT SINGAPORE.

## AS ENEMY PROPERTY

SINGAPORE, Oct 4. The Singapore prize court has condemned a cargo of machinery consigned to Java, which has been lying here for two years. This on the ground that it was formerly enemy property.

## ROBBERS ATTACKED GIRLS' SCHOOL.

## A TEACHER STABBED.

On Saturday night a daring armed robbery was committed in the Chinese girls' school belonging to the London Mission at Tokawan, when a teacher was stabbed in the arm by one of the robbers. It appeared that two student teachers, and an old man were conversing in the hall, when four men armed with knives appeared. One of the men stood guarding the entrance, and the others warned the inmates not to move or they would be killed. One of the teachers notwithstanding called loudly for help, and she was stabbed in the arm. The robbers then took the inmates to an outhouse where they were gagged. There the robbers left them and again entered the school premises. They ransacked the place, and stole jewellery and other articles to the value of \$70. There Police were informed immediately after the robbers had left. No arrests have yet been made.

## CARRYING HIS OWN WARDROBE.

Much interest was aroused in Mr. Lindsell's Court this morning, when the Court constable entered the dock to wake up an old beggar, who was charged with the larceny of a few pieces of clothing. His conscience allowed him to go to sleep. Defendant denied the theft, and said he was only carrying his clothes under his arm as he had no abode.

His Worship:—Why didn't you put them on?

Defendant:—It is no good for the present, the pongee trousers I have on is much better than the one there.

His Worship:—But, what about your coat, the one you are wearing is so dirty. Why didn't you change it?

Defendant:—The one there I had on when I fell into the water, and I had to put on my dirty one.

His Worship:—Fourteen days' hard labour.

## SPANISH PROCURATION BURGLED.

The Police have received a report from Father Naval of the Spanish Procuration at Seymour Road, that on the 4th inst., burglars entered the premises through a window and opened a safe with a duplicate key, and stole money to the value of \$2,000. No arrests have been made.

## FROM COMMANDER TO P.C.

Whilst passing through London recently on top of a bus a demolition fight was furnished with an interesting sight as to the class of men the Commissioner of Police has succeeded in attracting to the force when he saw his late commanding officer—a commander, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve—carrying out his duties as a police-constable by controlling the traffic at Marble-arch.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The s.s. "Changchow," (Captain Partridge) arrived from Bangkok on Saturday with 2,000 tons of general cargo and 5 bags of mails.

The ss. "Loksan," (Captain Simpson) sails for Dairen and Newchwang at 6 a.m. to-morrow with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

The ss. "Haihong," (Captain Evans) arrived from Swatow on Saturday afternoon, with 400 tons of general cargo and mails for Hongkong. She also brought 3 European passengers.

The ss. "Peleus," (Capt. Mansfield) arrived from Liverpool via Singapore at 3 p.m. on Saturday with 906 tons of general cargo, 50 bags of mails and 33 European passengers for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Chefoo," (Capt. Johnstone) was re-heard at the Marine Court this morning on the application of Mr. C. H. Lyon, for the defence, was postponed by Capt. Taylor, R.N., until Wednesday as the master of the ship who is complainant in the case is away in Macao.

Look out for something new in the show line. The "Empire Entertainers" have just arrived on the "Ecuador." They are going to South Africa, and are likely to give a show here before they leave. They are high class vaudeville people, and dancing specialists.

## V.R.C. SPORTS.

## H. E. THE GOVERNOR ATTENDS

## THE FILIPINO STOW AWAYS.

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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service in the China Mail.)

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## THE STRIKE

## NO PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP.

The *Daily Mail* says the indomitable spirit of the people has falsified the railwaymen's barbarous anticipation of starving the country but the crisis is not yet over. Meanwhile the convocation of parliament is most urgently necessary.

The *Times* says the blame for the latest rupture rests on the railwaymen's executive. They demanded the surrender of the government. Therefore the resistance of the community to their vainglorious attempt to establish some fantastic dictatorship of the proletariat is continued with increasing determination.

## THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC.

## ANNIVERSARY SPORTS AND DANCE AT THE CLUB DE RECREIO.

On the occasion of the ninth anniversary of the Republic of Portugal, a children's entertainment was given at the Club de Recreio on Saturday afternoon. Sports were held in the new tennis lawns facing the Club premises on the adjoining road. The lawn was decorated for the occasion. A Filipino string band supplied excellent music throughout the afternoon. A large number of ladies brought along with them their children, who were all enthusiastic in entering the many events on the programme, especially the skipping race for girls and the sack race for boys. A rather special event was the "centipede" race, in which teams composed of six competitors carried a long bamboo pole.

At the conclusion of the sports Mr. P. V. H. Botelho, the President of the Club, invited the Consul, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza, to present the prizes. He said that all those present must be pleased that the afternoon had passed off so successfully for the entertainment to the children. He remarked that the purpose of entertaining the younger folks was to remind them to honour their national day. On behalf of the Committee, he thanked the donors of prizes. The results are as follows:

50 Yards Race for Boys under 8:—1. V. Xavier; 2. J. Figueiredo; 3. J. Souza.

50 Yards Race for Girls under 8:—1. M. Xavier; 2. C. Botelho; 3. K. Hyndman.

100 Yards Race for Boys, 8 to 14:—1. A. Gonsalo; 2. B. Gonsalo; 3. M. Oliveira.

100 Yards Race for Girls, 8 to 14:—1. E. Oliveira; 2. E. Hyndman; 3. H. Jorge.

Skipping Race for Girls under 8:—1. Vera Hyndman; 2. M. Xavier; 3. K. Hyndman.

Skipping Race for Girls, 8 to 14:—1. E. Silva; 2. C. Xavier; 3. H. Jorge.

Sack Race for Boys under 8:—1. F. Santos; 2. J. Santos; 3. V. Xavier.

Sack Race for Boys above 8:—1. G. Noronha; 2. G. Aquino; 3. E. Gonsalo.

Potato Race for Boys:—1. L. Ribeiro; 2. J. Santos; 3. J. Figueiredo.

Potato Race for Girls:—1. C. Xavier; 2. W. Remedios; 3. E. Oliveira.

Centipede Race:—1. J. Luz's team.

Lighted Candle Race (Consolation):—1. A. Leite; 2. H. Noronha; 3. J. Silva.

Ladies' Nomination Race:—1. M. A. Xavier and Miss Angela Remedios; 2. L. B. Gomes and Miss Alda Remedios; 3. C. Marcus and Mrs. Gutierrez.

The Committee consisted of Messrs. P. V. H. Botelho (President), V. L. dos Remedios (Hon. Secretary), J. A. Yannovich, P. A. Yannovich and D. M. Vieira. They were assisted by the following Sub-Committee:—Messrs. P. A. Xavier, B. M. Cunha, A. A. Guterres, V. Goncalves, M. A. Simoes, T. A. Carvalho, A. Souza, C. Silva, L. B. Gomes, and O. Oliveira.

The Club's Committee are indebted to the following gentlemen for having donated prizes:—Messrs. J. M. C. Boato, C. E. Lourenco, J. P. Braga, J. P. Xavier, P. A. Xavier, J. M. V. Remedios, E. V. M. R. de Souza, P. Botelho, C. d'Assumpcao, C. E. Marques, J. F. Ega da Silva, J. M. Noronha, P. Nolasco da Silva, V. L. Remedios, P. Yannovich, A. D. Barreto, J. A. V. Ribeiro and E. J. Noronha.

## THE DANCE.

A dance was held on the lawn of the Club last night, commencing at 9 o'clock and continuing till the early hours of the morning. The club building was profusely decorated with bunting and pot plants, the national flag of the Republic and the Union Jack, surrounded by a circle of other Allied flags, figuring conspicuously in the scheme. The most prominent feature of the decorations, however, were the figures of 1919.

"1919," in vari-coloured electric jets, and an oil-painting representing "Liberdade," between the two dates. The grounds were brilliantly illuminated, and presented an attractive scene.

At the entrance to the lawn were the letters "V.R." ("viva Republica") in red and green electric bulbs.

Over the centre of the lawn canvas, kindly lent by the Macao Club, was stretched for dancing, and proved an excellent "floor." Over one hundred and fifty couples took part in the dance, including Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza (Consul for Portugal) and a number of prominent guests from Macao. Two Filipino string bands supplied the music alternately. At midnight supper was served in a special marquee, the entering being entrusted to the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. P. V. Botelho, the President, spoke a few words about the Republic, reminding those present of the reason for the celebrations. Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza also made a few remarks. At about 2.30 a.m. special launches conveyed those of the company who came from Hongkong back to their homes.

## AT THE CLUB LUSITANO.

After the High Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception yesterday, a large number of the Portuguese community congregated at the Club Lusitano where the Consul for Portugal (Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza) was "At Home" to his friends. There were many ladies present. Speeches were made in Portuguese and the toast "The Republic" was enthusiastically drunk. Refreshments were served on a lavish scale and the merrymaking continued until 1 p.m., when the gathering eventually dispersed to the strains of the Portuguese and British National Anthems played by a Filipino String Band.

## THE CATHOLIC UNION.

The members of the Catholic Union Club celebrated the feast of the Republic in a very quiet way by entertaining a few of their friends in the morning. In the evening, the members of this Club were guests of the Club de Recreio.

The flag of the Republic flew from the Club's flagstaff all day while the interior of the building was gaily decorated with flags, etc.

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. J. H. Frank, D.S.P. (R.).

In connection with his landing, His Excellency the Governor desires to thank the Police Reserve Band for ably performing their task in spite of the inclement weather.

## A BIG CHINESE SCHOOL.

The committee of the Tung Wah Hospital held a meeting at the Hospital at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed extension of the Chinese School next to the Man Mo Temple in Hollywood Road. The school when completed will be sufficiently large to accommodate 600 students.

## OPIUM &amp; A SMOKE.

Two shillings a smoke was the price charged by Chong Yen, a Chinaman, who was fined £50 at the Thames Police Court for harbouring opium. He is married to an Englishwoman.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THAT ADDRESS.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir,—In the teeth of an eminent Sub-Committee it may seem impudent to criticise the address handed to our new Governor. Let us hope the mistakes in punctuation were the fault of the Press copyists; but nothing can excuse two split infinitives for which any fifth-form schoolboy would get a hundred lines of Vergil; a zeugma ("keeping pace with time and the draught of steam") worthy of a place beside Dickens' immortal "went away in flood of tears and a sedan-chair"; and a concatenation of the worst variety of jargonese slang.

But what is worse is the general tone of the address: surely a carefully-worded welcome would have been better without all those demands ranging from Praia Reclamations to string orchestras.

All we wanted to tell His Excellency was that we were glad to see him and hoped he would be happy and useful.

The knotty problems will confront him soon enough.

His Excellency is to be congratulated on his reply, which was at least grammatical, and also showed that he is old enough at 43 not to be caught by such a bait as was dangling before him. Let us hope that he does not imagine that the address is representative either of the intellectuality or of the warm-heartedness of the population of this Colony.

Yours, etc.

FAIRPLAY.  
[This letter was held back until the rule was observed by which we must know the identity of the writer.—Ed. C.M.]

## RICE TROUBLE OVER.

## PHILANTHROPIC SALES SOON TO CEASE.

The good work done by the Tung Wah Hospital in selling cheap rice to the poor is reported to be considered now no longer necessary.

The shed erected at Wan Chai near the Naval Hospital for selling rice therein has not been used for the purpose since Friday, owing, as is alleged, to the danger of it catching fire. The poultry sorting shed at West Point loaned to the Hospital for selling rice is now taken back by the dealers. Those in Wan Chai who wish to buy cheap rice will henceforth go to Tang Loong Chow and the West Point people go to the Chinese Recreation Ground in Hollywood Road. It is said that in view of the decrease of the price of rice all round the cheap selling of rice by the Tung Wah Hospital will continue only while the stock lasts and that is only a matter of three or four days.

It is understood that subscriptions towards the rice fund by the generous public total over \$120,000 which the expenses for erecting marshalls and the free distribution of congee amount to \$40,000. It is expected that a statement of accounts will be published in due course.

AN "INTERNATIONAL" INCIDENT.

## JAPANESE LADY STRUCK BY STRAY PELLETS.

A Colombo message to the Calcutta Englishman, dated August 18, says:—Some considerable amusement is being caused in Colombo by a curious development to a regrettable accident which occurred last Friday. A European at Mount Lavinia was shooting crows with a shot gun when some stray pellets struck the wife of a Japanese merchant, who with another Japanese was walking on the beach out of the sight of the man with the shot gun. The injuries were slight but the husband of the lady reported to the police that his wife had been chased and shot by Australian soldiers, and being dissatisfied with the manner in which the police received the news proceeded to Queen's House. The Governor was away up country and the Japanese merchant lodged an eloquent complaint with the A.D.C. An official enquiry was instantly made revealing beyond all shadow of doubt that the Australian soldiers had nothing whatever to do with the accident. The European who was using the shot gun explained what had happened and apologised to the Japanese merchant, who, however, pointblank refused to accept the apology and persisted in the statement that the Australian soldiers were responsible for the accident, although the clearest evidence had been laid before the Japanese merchant that Australian soldiers were entirely blameless. The Japanese persists in his statement and convened a meeting of his countrymen to protest. Meanwhile he has been making constant cable representations to the Japanese Government on the subject and is endeavouring to make an international matter of the incident.

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## HONGKONG C.C. DEFEATS KOWLOON C.C.

Much interest was evinced in the first meeting, this year, between Kowloon C.C. and Hongkong C.C. The former team has regained nearly the whole of its prewar strength, and was, on paper, the stronger combination. The Hongkong C.C. were not at full strength, amongst those who did not turn out being Major Edwards, D. E. Donnelly, E. W. Day and Pay. Lieut. Robinson.

Kowloon started badly, losing Goodall when only 2 runs had been scored, but a good partnership between Stapleton and E. L. Braga considerably improved the outlook. Braga, batting with some freedom, brought off a number of good shots to leg. The manner of Stapleton's dismissal was very unfortunate, for he had played himself in and looked safe for a big score. Stalker, his partner, called for an impossible run and ran half the distance before Stapleton could start. The ball was nearer the end which Stapleton had to reach, and, in spite of a strenuous effort, he was run out. Three wickets fell cheaply after this. Capt. Davies got his only victim in Claxton, who did not seem to see the ball and was clean beaten. Taylor lashed out too soon at a big break from Humphreys. J. V. Braga and Cobb entered double figures at a time when runs were badly needed. It was about 4.15 when Kowloon, with 143 runs to their credit for the loss of 9 wickets, declared their innings closed. It must be mentioned that Hongkong's fielding was poor. Stapleton gave a chance when he made 20 runs, and Braga was missed when he was in the twenties. The ground fielding, also, was not as smart as it should have been, but Capt. Davies, who was the best fielder on the ground, and Blaker were notable exceptions to the rule.

Capt. Gray and C. Blaker gave their side a good start, the first wicket not falling until 52 runs had been scored. Gray batted freely and was afforded one "life" before he was run out. Blaker's batting elicited very favourable comment, increasing the good opinions that had been formed of him on the previous Saturday. The second wicket partnership raised the score to 78, and things looked very comfortable for Hongkong. Raworth, batting steadily, brought off some pretty strokes to the off. Gage and Davies both failed to do themselves justice—the latter is a much better batsman than his figures indicate—while Thursfield only scored 8 runs before he was bowled. Capt. Murray's contribution was a very valuable one, for it undoubtedly laid the foundation of his side's success. With 6 wickets down for 127 runs, it seemed anybody's game, and play was extended to allow of one side or the other gaining the decision. There was, consequently, some excitement when, with nine wickets down, and Humphreys and McNicoll in, Hongkong won the match by 4 runs. Scores:

## KOWLOON C.C.

D. M. Goodall, l.b.w., b McNicoll	2
C. J. Stapleton, run out	30
E. L. Braga, b Humphreys	31
A. A. Claxton, b Davies	5
J. Stalker, c Mackenzie, b Johnstone	9
H. H. Taylor, b Humphreys	0
J. V. Braga, c Thursfield, b Johnstone	15
P. H. Cobb, c Mackenzie, b Johnstone	25
A. Sousa, c Davies, b Humphreys	8
R. Pestonji, not out	1
H. Overy, not out	1
Extras	12
Total (for 9 wickets, declared)	143
Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Davies ..... 13 4 25 1	
McNicoll ..... 4 0 11 1	
Johnstone ..... 10 1 44 3	
Raworth ..... 3 0 9 0	
Thursfield ..... 3 0 10 6	
Humphreys ..... 6 0 32 3	

## HONGKONG C.C.

Capt. Gray, run out	31
C. Blaker, st. Claxton, b Pestonji	31
A. B. Raworth, c Overy, b Cobb	23
F. A. Gage, run out	0
Capt. P. H. Davies, l.b.w., b Taylor	9
R. P. Thursfield, b Pestonji	8
Capt. Murray, c Overy, b Cobb	29
C. W. Johnstone, c J. V. Braga, b Cobb	0
W. W. Mackenzie, c Goodall, b Pestonji	0
J. D. Humphreys, not out	8
L. D. McNicoll, not out	1
Extras	7

## Total (for 9 wickets) ..... 147

## Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Davies ..... 13 4 25 1	
McNicoll ..... 4 0 11 1	
Johnstone ..... 10 1 44 3	
Raworth ..... 3 0 9 0	
Thursfield ..... 3 0 10 6	
Humphreys ..... 6 0 32 3	

## THOMPSON'S XI BEAT RUMJAHN'S XI.

A friendly match arranged for Saturday at Happy Valley between the Craigengowen Club and the Indian R.C. had to be abandoned the Gunners' crack bowlers, Athorne and Baines, not a single man reached

to raise a team. A scratch match, therefore, was played between teams captained by F. G. Thompson and D. Rumjahn. U. Omar, playing for Thompson's side, beat the opposing eleven off his own bat, though in doing so he was given at least three "lives." The bowling of Omar, Abbas and Earde were features in the match, which Thompson's XI. won by 49 runs. Scores—

## THOMPSON'S TEAM.

M. H. Abbas, l.b.w., b A. A. Rumjahn	5
S. Jex, b Earde	29
F. G. Thompson, b Earde	3
C. Heath, c and b S. H. Ismail	29
U. Omar, c A. A. Rumjahn, b S. H. Ismail	45
E. Sadick, c Partabrai, b Earde	0
S. A. Hamid, not out	0
L. A. Rose, b S. A. Ismail	5
Extras	5
Total	90

## Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Earde ..... 9 1 21 4	
A. A. Rumjahn ..... 6 1 19 3	
Arculli ..... 4 0 19	
A. H. Rumjahn ..... 3 0 18	
Sgt. Athorne, c Thevers, b Rhodes	0
Cpl. Green, c Humphreys, b Connor	19
Gor. Smith, not out	4
Gor. Baines, c and b Connor	12
G. Partabrai, c Sheper, b Omar	2
A. H. Rumjahn, c Omar, b Abbas	2
A. A. Rumjahn, run out	0
G. C. Earde, b Omar	5
D. Rumjahn, b Omar	4
S. D. Ismail, b Omar	2
S. A. Ismail, c Hamid, b Abbas	0
R. Nazar, not out	0
F. M. el Arculli, b Omar	0
Extras	8
Total	41

## Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
U. Omar ..... 10 0 19 6	
S. Jex ..... 2 0 7 0	
M. H. Abbas ..... 7 2 7 3	

## C.R.C. DEFEAT THE CIVIL SERVICE.

A big innings by Ng Sze Kwong helped the Chinese Recreation Club to defeat the Civil Service in a friendly match played on the Chinese ground on Saturday. Ling took the first two Chinese wickets cheaply, and Seven captured the third—that of Un Hew Fan—with the score at 10. Ng Sze Kwong and G. Lee then became associated, and changed the complexion of the game. Both batted cautiously at the start, gaining confidence as the game went on. Ng's innings was a splendid effort marred only by one chance when he was in the fifties. He drove very well on the off, reaching the boundary twenty-two times. Gao Lee survived more than one appeal, but batted well on the whole. Ling was the most successful of the seven Civil Service bowlers.

The Civil Service suffered from having to bat, especially during the latter half of their innings, in a bad light. Wood was just getting set when, for the second time in succession, this season, he was run out. Ching's fast deliveries did a great deal of damage. He finished up by taking four wickets in the five balls of his last over. The C.R.C. won by 103 runs.

## C.R.C.

Yew Man Hon, b Ling	0
Wei Lee San, b Ling	0
Ng Sze Kwong, c Wood, b Seven	84
Un Hew Fan, b Seven	1
G. Lee, b Seven	47
H. Ching, c Seven	1
F. Ling, b Ching	0
B. W. Bradbury, b Ching	10
W. H. Edmonds, b Ching	0
G. H. Piercy, b Ching	0
E. Crocker, b Ching	0
W. Hill b Ching	0
C. Severn, absent, did not bat	7
Extras	2
Total (for 7 wickets declared)	148

## Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Severn ..... 13 3 54 4	
Ling ..... 7 1 12 2	
Fletcher ..... 5 0 29 0	
Strange ..... 4 0 20 0	
Wood ..... 2 0 7 0	
Piercy ..... 2 0 17 0	
Edmonds ..... 6 1 7 1	

## HONGKONG BEAT SHANGHAI.

The first of a series of Interport Lawn Bowls matches arranged between a Shanghai team and the various local Bowling Clubs was played off on the Kowloon Bowling Club Green on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of bowling enthusiasts. The Hongkong team which was thoroughly representative of the Colony was picked from the various local Bowling Clubs and was composed of Messrs. Ferguson (skip), Wotherspoon, Gow and Gerrard.

Shanghai was represented by the best four of the six representatives sent to Hongkong namely Messrs. McDougall (skip), McCallum, Taylor and Malcolm. It is really difficult to decide as to which port possesses the bowlers players for while the Hongkong team which went to Shanghai nearly a year ago, sustained a rather bad defeat, they were able to avenge that defeat on Saturday by returning the compliments, with interest, so they say, when playing at home.

The green was in perfect condition, and play was not long in progress when it became plain that Hongkong's representatives were in fine form. Shanghai suffered from bad luck, the margin of their defeat not being an indication of their real capabilities.

In the first head, Hongkong scored one shot, and in the second head, Shanghai took the lead by scoring two. In the fifth head, Shanghai scored once more, totalling three shots to Hongkong's five. In the next two heads Hongkong left their opponents far behind by scoring 4 shots in each head. At the ninth head Hongkong had scored 16 to Shanghai's 3. Then Shanghai obtained another three shots, increasing their score to 6. Hongkong continued to pile up points, and in the fifteenth head were leading by 23 shots to 7. Shanghai, whose bad "joss" had been very evident, then scored 4 shots. They could never make up the lead they had lost, and the twenty-first head saw the scores as follows—

## SHANGHAI. HONGKONG.

A. Taylor	Gerrard.
McCallum	Gow.
Malcolm	Wotherspoon.
McDougall	(skip) 13
Ferguson	(skip) 27

## R.G.A. DEFEAT THE STAFFS.

The R.G.A., last year's League winners, played a friendly match, on Saturday, at Happy Valley, against the Staff and Departments' team. The Staff made a poor show against the R.G.A. and Baines, not a single man reached

ing double figures. The R.G.A. would have fared almost as badly if Talfourd and Mann had not set up a very creditable first-wicket partnership which produced more than half the team's score. Mann batted with great steadiness. The R.G.A. won by 49 runs. Scores—

## STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS.

Cpl. Horrocks, b Baines	8
Pte. Rhodes, c B. Athorne	3
Pte. Baines	1
Pte. Connor, b Athorne</td	

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

LONDON, October 3rd.  
The railwaymen were not represented at the conference with the Premier yesterday.

The attitude of the Railwaymen's Executive last evening was that their effort at bridge building had failed, and it must be left to the other Unions, to decide their own action.

The Miners' Federation were represented for the first time at last evening's conference of Trade Unions, Mr. F. Hodges being present.

The sole remaining hope of the removal of the deadlock is that this conference will make a final effort to bring the parties together, but there was little evidence last evening, when the conference was adjourned, that the members are hopeful of the success of their efforts at mediation.

The Premier's insistence on the resumption of work remains an obstacle to the negotiations.

The railwaymen's leaders refuse to admit that they are beaten, and feel that the ordering of the men back without some definite resumption of work would be construed as an admission of defeat.

They recognise, however, that public opinion is against them, hence they are striving by vigorous propaganda, advertisements, leaflets, articles and interviews, to convert public opinion to their view, but the consensus of opinion in the newspapers is that their efforts at conversion are more likely to be successful if the men resume as the public resent the picketing of their heads.

No doubt the Government's efforts to mitigate public impression, backed up by thousands of enthusiastic volunteers of all classes, from peers to artisans, has been very successful, as least in the case of London, where not merely more trains are running but the food supply is so good that the Ministry of Food has announced that canned meat need no longer be rationed.

One London station alone received by train, and dispatched to different destinations, 2,000 chums of milk yesterday. Twelve hundred tons of potatoes were brought to London on the Great Northern train yesterday. Tons of herrings were thrown overboard at Inverness owing to lack of transport.

The Federation of British Industries, after consulting with the Government Departments concerned, have taken measures to keep the workers in line by the adoption of half-time and an elaborate system of co-operation of factories, at the same time minimising distress by paying an unemployment donation where unemployment is inevitable, and supplying discharged men with fuel.

Another remarkable outgrowth of the strike is the impetus given to the coasting services which have been languishing in recent years.

The offices of the District Transport Committees in London and other ports have been besieged.

Shipments of cargo have announced that Southampton and Plymouth, for the first time since the ports were closed for the war, are available for coasting trade of foodstuffs.

Services now operating in London and 16 Provincial ports have all their tonnage space requisitioned. The canals will also have a fresh lease of usefulness.

The Ministry of Transport, which did such excellent service in France, have placed their service at the disposal of the Government. They have circularised harge-owners urging them to concentrate their efforts to bring coal from the mines, also goods to the industrial districts by means of canals.

The response has been very satisfactory. Barges, long idle and in bad repair, are now in full use as ex-fores and men experienced in the canals in Flanders.

The outstanding feature of the strike has been the triumph of the motor lorry. The prompt collection and distribution of foodstuffs by road conveyances has brought home to the people the value of motor transport, more even than the more gigantic success of the motor lorry in the war.

It is not expected that the conveyance of goods by road will seriously affect the railways in the future, but there is no doubt that the motor transport service supplementing the railways will be developed.

Altogether, there is more significance than the speaker wished to convey in the remarks made by one of the Transport Workers' delegates after the interview with the Premier yesterday:—"We are still hopeful. Mr. Lloyd George stiffened to-day, because he thought he was winning."

Indeed, according to Labour correspondents, the tone of the delegation to the Premier had been very mild. The chief anxiety was to prevent a sympathetic strike, and men like Mr. Robert Williams and Mr. Bevan, up to now regarded as Extremists, have played a notable part as peacemakers.

It is not at all certain that a sympathetic strike will be declared at to-day's conference at the Caxton Hall.

Mr. Wilson's physician has summoned a nerve specialist in consultation. Though this was announced as merely a precautionary measure, and the President's condition was described as not alarming, last evening's bulletin says that President Wilson is a "very sick man."

After two hours' consultation, a bulletin was issued at noon stating that President Wilson's condition is unchanged.

The neurologist, Professor Dercum, who examined President Wilson on Thursday, is of the opinion that his condition is grave.

Prior to conferring with the Railwaymen's Executive, the Transport Workers' Deputation saw the Premier.

A full conference of the Transport Workers and the associated Unions was resumed this evening at Downing Street. A conference of the Railwaymen's Executive and a deputation of eleven with the Premier at Downing Street was broken off at 9 p.m. Mr. Thomas said that no settlement had been reached. He had nothing further to say.

The reputation, accompanied by Mr. Stuart Murray, M.P., and Mr. Bowerman, returned to Downing Street at five o'clock. The Railwaymen's Executive arrived there a quarter of an hour later, apparently in the best of spirits.

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A deputation of eleven, representing the Transport Workers and allied Unions, again met the Premier at Downing Street this morning, in a further effort towards a settlement, prior to a full meeting of the Unions concerned, in the afternoon.

Mr. Thomas declares that the seven representatives unanimously support the Railwaymen's refusal of the Government's demand for a resumption of work before negotiations can be commenced once again.

The Conference of Transport Workers and allied Unions being held at the Caxton Hall was made more representative this afternoon by the inclusion of other Unions, including the Miners' Federation.

The Executive of the Vehicle Workers' Union discussed the situation at midnight, and afterwards announced that buses, trams and taxi-cabs will run to-day. Meetings of members of the Union have been arranged for midnight on Friday to consider action.

Excluding the Underground services, over 2,400 passenger and 100 goods trains are scheduled for to-day. The reports for to-morrow show that the schedule has already been exceeded.

It is officially stated that the train services continue to improve.

Forty-five aeroplanes distributed the mails throughout the country yesterday. Mails were also carried to Paris and Brussels. The congestion of mails in London is rapidly decreasing.

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Government has appealed for a Citizen Army to meet the crisis.

The following is the text of the appeal to the citizens:

"In the opinion of the Government, the circumstances of the present crisis are such that special measures must be taken to secure the liberty of all peaceable citizens, and to protect them in the pursuit of their ordinary work and the special work undertaken to maintain the supply of food and other necessities of the community. The numbers of the regular Police forces and the existing small forces of Special Constabulary are insufficient for this purpose."

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The President of the Board of Agriculture has appealed to farmers to thresh immediately all the wheat possible, and to transport it to the local mills, with the object of rendering the bread position safe, and adequately providing for the feeding of the people.

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The major part of the textile firms can carry on at full speed for a considerable time. The Government has issued a statement accepting full responsibility for the decision to withhold the payment of wages to the railwaymen, which would have fallen due for payment this week if they had not struck work.

It points out that the men had broken their contracts and stopped work without due notice, completely disregarding of the effect of their action on the persons and property of ordinary citizens of which they were in charge.

They inflicted damage on innumerable people, left food to perish on which the public depended for their subsistence, put vast numbers to great expense by leaving them stranded for conveyances, and inflicted great loss on many by preventing them from reaching their destinations.

The damages in which they are liable in law are vastly greater than the amount now withheld. Different considerations may arise if the early resumption of work occurs. In the meantime, the country is still subjected to unexampled injury by the railwaymen's action.

In these circumstances, the Government would not be justified in handing over to the strikers a sum which would be used in prolonging a strike which was undertaken without consideration for the welfare of the public and which is endangering the whole life of the nation.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, in the course of a statement regarding the failure of a settlement, says he understands that the other Trade Unions' whole view on the Government's offer is the same as the Railwaymen's and they are making another effort before taking any action.

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